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**MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION**

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Re: Application of Wataru MATSUTANI, Osamu YOSHIMOTO,  
and Yoshihiro MATSUBARA  
NOBLE METAL ELECTRIC DISCHARGE CHIP MANUFACTURING METHOD  
AND SPARK PLUG MANUFACTURING METHOD USING THE NOBLE METAL  
DISCHARGE CHIPS  
Assignee: NGK SPARK PLUG CO., LTD.  
Our Ref. Q81032

17497 U.S. PTO  
10/823662  
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Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is the application identified above comprising (twenty-three) 23 sheets of the specification, including the claims and abstract and (four) 4 sheets of drawings. Copies of the executed Declaration and Power of Attorney and Assignment will be submitted at a later date. Also enclosed is an Information Disclosure Statement and PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified).

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

Total claims	<u>6</u> - 20	=		x	\$18.00	=	\$0.00
Independent claims	<u>1</u> - 3	=		x	\$86.00	=	\$0.00
Base Fee							\$770.00

**TOTAL FEE** \$770.00

A check for the statutory filing fee of \$770.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

Priority is claimed from:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
Japan	2003-110133	April 15, 2003

The priority document is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,  
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